CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the current claims marked with status identifiers in parentheses.

1. (Previously Presented) Method for laying a playable surface, in particular a playing field, comprising the steps of:

forming a relatively hard substrate,

arranging on the relatively hard substrate at least one layer of a resilient and/or damping material, and

arranging a top layer on the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material, wherein

during or after arranging of the relatively hard substrate and/or the later of resilient and/or damping material air chambers are formed therein.

2. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the air chambers are formed in the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material by creating recesses therein from the top side after it is arranged.

3. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the recesses are created by moving a machine provided with protruding parts over the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

4. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the recesses are created by pressing a profiled mat into the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

5. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the air chambers are formed in the layer of resilient and/or damping material by removing material therefrom at different locations after the arranging thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 5, wherein inclusions of a material with low melting point are arranged in the layer of resilient and/or damping material which are removed by heating after the layer has been arranged.

7. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 5, wherein inclusions of a biologically degradable material are arranged in the layer of resilient and/or damping material which are removed by natural processes after the layer has been arranged.

8. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the air chambers are formed in the layer of resilient and/or damping material during arranging thereof by including granules having large dimensions relative to the thickness of the layer.

9. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the layer of resilient and/or damping material is arranged in two steps, by first arranging a relatively flat adhesive layer on the relatively hard substrate, and subsequently spreading the granules with large dimensions over the adhesive layer.

10. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the air chambers are formed in the layer of resilient and/or damping material during arranging thereof by first laying a profiled mat on the relatively hard substrate, and by spreading the resilient and/or damping material over this mat.

11. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 4, wherein prior to arranging of the mat heating wires are received therein.

12. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one other layer is also arranged between the layer with the air chambers and the top layer.

13. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer is a synthetic turf.

14. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least some of the air chambers are connected to means for generating an air circulation therein.

15. (Previously Presented) Playable surface, comprising a relatively hard substrate, at least one layer arranged thereon of a resilient and/or damping material, and a top layer arranged in turn thereon, wherein air chambers are formed in the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer or resilient and/or damping material.

16. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the air chambers take the form of recesses in the upper part of the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

17. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 16, wherein a profiled mat is arranged on the layer of resilient and/or damping material, and wherein the air chambers are defined by the profile of the mat.

18. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the air chambers comprise spaces formed by removing inclusions in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

19. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the air chambers comprise intermediate spaces between relatively large granules in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

20. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein a profiled mat is arranged between the relatively hard substrate and the layer of resilient and/or damping material and over which the resilient and/or damping material is spread, and wherein the air chambers are defined by the profile of the mat.

21. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 17, wherein heating wires are received in the mat.

22. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the top layer is a synthetic turf.

23. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 15, further comprising means, connected to at least some of the air chambers, for generating an air circulation therein.

24. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in claim 10, wherein prior to arranging of the mat heating wires are received therein.

25. (Previously Presented) Surface as claimed in claim 20, wherein heating wires are received in the mat.